Mr. President : The Education Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am referring to the Hon'ble Member who seconded it and the cleverness that he had and the disillusionment of our fears that I had. I am perfectly relevant, if you rule otherwise.....

Mr. President : No ruling.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am glad on everything. Therefore this pleasure which is due especially of the present setting of Government, I was sure of adult franchise because of the changes in the Government are so evident, that what is sure to-day are not sure to-morrow....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: That has been decided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I submit that in the present setting where we have reasonable hopes of adult franchise election whether as a promise by the end of Edavam or as feared will be later.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: You will be disillusioned as now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I submit, that this is the *sine qua non* of adult franchise, not a preparation of adult franchise one of the methods for which is the universal compulsory primary education which I observed at the second reading stage and up to the 7th standard at least should be given for a long number of years before you think of adult franchise.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: May I ask the Hon'ble Member what the suggestion is regarding the Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: You have to wait patiently to be informed of it.

Mr. President : I mean that the Bill is to be taken up and finally passed and there is an Adjournment motion on.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Yes, Sir, I am to speak on the adjournment motion at 3-30.

Mr. President : That is not the point. We have got some other bills also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: You can extend the Council for which I have.....

Mr. President : That is a different matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I submit, Sir, that support to a measure like this ought to have been extended by the Government as early as 1112 or I would say it was the imperative duty of the Government at least soon after the census report not of 1941 but of 1931 prepared by no less a person than the late Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon who has written in paragraph.....

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Not Mr. Krishna Menon, but Mr. Sankara Menon.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Thank you for the correction. While dealing with the percentage and the necessity for the introduction of compulsory primary education as a basis for adult franchise as early as 1931 he had observed: The Government of those days failed to come forward. The Government of subsequent days when poor me brought forward a bill 12 years back, at the third reading of which it was torpedoed. There were reasons for that because the next year was 1113 election, where my esteemed friend Mr. T. K. Nayar along with 17 others was not allowed to have allowed. Now I am extremely glad therefore that at this distance when you are just on the eve of the introduction of the adult franchise election at least, the changed Government of the day with its defects in this line has taken up the attitude to support. I have done. I move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Motion, put and carried

2. The Cochin Verumpattamdars (Condonation of Forfeiture) Bill

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: I have got only 5 minutes in which time this stage must be over. I move that the Cochin Verumpattamdars Condonation of Forfeiture Bill be read in Council. In doing so, I beg to inform that the Bill includes only one section mainly to give some relief to the agriculturists who were not able to comply with the provisions of the Verumpattamdars Act in paying arrears of pattam on the due date. During the period which does not come within the purview of the Proclamation if any verumpattamdar who was not

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able to pay arrears of pattam during that period, and who has not been evicted, this bill provides to give some relief for him if he pays pattam within a stipulated time. It is only just to gulf the period between the original Act and the Proclamation. So the Council will appreciate the nature and extent and scope of the present Bill and will see that the Bill is passed at this stage now so that we can reach the final stage by the next meeting.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With pleasure I second this Bill.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. എൻ. ഇട്ടിരവി നമ്പൂതിരി: സർ, ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ എതുക്കുന്നു. ഒരു നിയമം ഉണ്ടാക്കുക, കുറച്ചുദിവസം കഴിയുമ്പോൾ അതു് ഭേദപ്പെടുത്തുക, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അതു തെറ്റാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു് വേറെയൊരു തരത്തിലാക്കുക. ഇങ്ങനെ ചെയ്യാൽ പിന്നെ ഈ നിയമമൊന്നും ഉണ്ടാക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല. ഒരിക്കൽ ഒരു നിയമം പാസ്സാക്കിയാൽ അടുത്തദിവസം അതു തെറ്റാണെന്നു പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഈ നിയമം പാസ്സാക്കുന്നതിനു യാതൊരു വിലയുമില്ല തന്നെ. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇതിൽ എന്റെ opposition കാണിക്കണമെന്നു മാത്രമെ എനിക്കു ഉദ്ദേശമുള്ളൂ.

Motion, put and carried

The Secretary to the Council : The title of the Bill is The Cochin (Condonation of Forfeiture) Bill.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional Adviser)*: I move that this bill also may be referred to the same Select Committee which is considering other amendments to the Verumpattamdars Bill so that a united consideration of these amending bills may be had and final completion reached.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Home Affairs)*: I second it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: There is no appropriate provision in the Standing Orders. I move that this Bill be taken into consideration. There is provision in the Standing Orders for this, that a measure like this—a single clause bill like this can without any discretion being used be taken into consideration and it ought to be taken into consideration if it is moved. I move accordingly, because of the importance of the Bill the urgency of the Bill that has been put for, for what reasons I do not know.

Mr. President : According to Standing Order 32 is it allowable?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional Adviser)*: The S. O. runs thus "If no motion for referring the Bill to a Select Committee or for circulating it for the purpose of eliciting opinion thereon is made under clause (4) of the preceding Standing Order, or if such a motion is made and negatived, the member in charge shall not move that the Bill be taken into consideration until the expiration of fifteen clear days from the date on which the Bill was read under clause (3) of the preceding Standing Order".

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: There is a point and a ruling also on this point when Mr. Shanmukham Chetty was the President when this question was raised, I distinctly remember. A ruling was given that is to say no member of the House can suggest a procedure which will shorten the course of a bill, such motion is out of order. Now going to a Select Committee is one of the processes through which this bill has to go, about which a motion is before the House.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional Adviser)*: There is a motion before the House for referring the Bill to a Select Committee. The question is whether the Select Committee should be consulted. That is the point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I oppose the motion for referring the Bill to the same Select Committee and the reason is this. That this is referred in connection with the various verumpattamdar's bill referred to it. Its lethargy for not taking evidence for the last meeting which was held five months back. I opposed when more than two bills were admitted to be referred as was done subsequently. I object this single clause bill may not be delayed for reasons of that Committee. I have not been able to vitalise it or to speed it up. With that history personally known to me and ought to be known to the House this may be referred to a small Select Committee.

Mr. President : Order. Order. It is time for the adjournment motion.

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